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SUBJECT: TURKISH CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS

GENEVA FOR BUFFUM

1. NIGHTLY CRISIS OF TURK CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS RESUMED AT 2000
RPT 2000 LOCAL WITH CALL FROM AMBASSADOR FROM UNSYG REP WECKMANN
WHO SAID: (1) TURKS NOW HAVE 12,000 TO 14,000 MEN ON GROUND-
(2) TURKS CONTINUE TO BRING IN REINFORCEMENTS BY "NUMBER OF
SHIPS" AND HAVE SOME 25 TANKS MOVING EASTWARD FROM NICOSIA ENCLAVE
TO KYTHREA, POSSIBLY TO CHATOS ENCLAVE- (3) FINNISH CONTINGENT
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NOW PATROLLING THIS AREA LIKELY TO BE CAUGHT IN MIDDLE. CITING

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THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND REPORTED RECENT STATEMENT BY ECIVIT
THAT TURKEY WOULD SOON BE IN POSITINN OF STRENGTH TO NEOGITIATE,
WECKMANN CONCLUDED THAT SERIOUS SITUATION FACES US AGAIN TONIGHT
AND SAID HE SEEKING "GREAT POWER"HELP TO AVERT IT.HE REPEATED
EARLIER UNFICYP COMPLAINT THAT TURK MILITARY REFUSING ESTABLISH
MEANINGFUL CONTACT WITH PREM CHAND OR OTHER UNFICYP OFFICLA
(LIAISON OFFIVER YET TO BE SEEN OR HEARD FROM) AND TURK AMB.
INHAM PLEADING INABILITY DISCUSS MILITARY
MATTERS. CRYPTICALLY AND WITHOUT ANY ELABORATION,
WECKMANN EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT THAT TURKEY "BEING ALLOWED" RPT
"BEING ALLOWED" DEVELOP ITS POSITION ON GROUND.

2. I WENT OVER OUR INTENSIVE EFFORTS OF LAST EVENING TO AVERT
SIMILAR TURK MILITARY ADVANCES, AND UNDERTOOK TO DO WHAT MIGHT
BE DONE THROUGH WASHINGTON. WECKMANN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION, BUT
CLEARLY HIS OVERRIDING CONCERN IS THAT UNFICYP CONTINGENT NOT
GET CAUGHT IN MIDDLE OF FIREFIGHT BROUGHT ON BY
TURKISH ADVANCES EASTWARD. JUDGING FROM
HIS DESCRIPTION OF SITUATION (WHICH I CANNOT CHECK
OUT AT THIS HOUR), CRISIS COULD OCCUR IN MATTER OF HOURS.

3. COMMENT. I REALIZE THAT WE EXPENDED MUCH CAPITAL LAST NIGHT
IN SUPPORT OF UNFICYP AND THAT THE TURKS HAVE LONG BEEN THE
UNDERDOG ON CYPRUS, AND THAT TURK MILITARY STILL SMARTING FROM ITS
FAILURE TO ACHIEVE QICK VICTORY IN FIRST DAYS AGAINST A FOE POORLY
ARMED AND WITH NO AIR POWER MAY HAVE BIT IN TEETH, BUT
CONTIUATION THIS BRAZEN INDIFFERENCE TO CEASEFIRE AND DISREGARD
OF INTERSTS OF ALLIES CAN LEAD TO COLLAPSE OF TREND TOWARD RE-
STRUCTURED STABILITY ON GOCYPRUS SIDE AND MAY WELL
LEAD TO ACTION BY GREECE WHOSE SENSE OF "PHILOTIMO" IS JUST AS
STRONG AS TURKISH "SHEREF".

4. WECKMANN'S THOUGHT THAT TURKEY MANY BE "BEING ALLOWED" TO
DEVELOP ITS POSITION HERE REFLECTS HIS FEELING THAT THERE IS
INSUFFICIENT COORDINATED GREAT POWER PRESSURE BEING BROUGHT
TO BEAR ON TURK MILITARY. MY FEELING IS THAT, UNLESS SOMETHING
IS DONE TO HALT THE TURKS, THE SEEDS FOR FUTURE CHAOS AND DIS-
ORDER ARE BEING SOWN TO HAUNT US IN THE FUTURE. IT IS TIME NOW
TO ASK THE TURKS WHAT THEIR OBJECTIVE IS: CONSOLIDATING NICOSIA
ENCLAVE OR DE FACTO PARTITION SINCE TURK SEIZURE OF KYTHREA
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WOULD PUT THEM IN POSITION TO LINK TWO PRINCIPAL TURKISH
ENCLAVES (NICOSIA AND CHATOS). SUGGEST BUFFUM PUT THIS QUESTION
DIRECTLY
TO TURK DELEGATION IN GENEVA AND ASK POINT-BLANK
WHETHER THEY INTEND TO TAKE KYTHREA.
DAVIES

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